

SENATE BILL 977

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Freedom of Speech – Picketing at a Funeral – Distance**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the distance within which a person is prohibited from
4 engaging in picketing activities at a funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral
5 procession; and generally relating to picketing at a funeral, burial, memorial
6 service, or funeral procession.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Law
9 Section 10–205(c)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Criminal Law**

15 10–205.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (c) A person may not engage in picketing activity within **[100] 500** feet of a
2 funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession that is targeted at one or more
3 persons attending the funeral, burial, memorial service, or funeral procession.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.